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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
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Applicant : Toshiya KITAMURA  
Serial No. : 09/413,984  
Filed : October 7, 1999  
For : NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE  
MATERIAL FOR USE IN  
ALKALINE CELL AND METHOD  
OF PREPARING THE SAME

Art Unit : 1745

Examiner : T. Dove

Confirmation No.: 2673

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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(Paper No. 19), the term for response to which is extended two  
months to expire on July 21, 2003 by a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME filed concomitantly herewith, please amend the application  
as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following claims:

*Rule 1.126*  
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~~19~~-18. (New) The negative electrode active material for use  
in an alkaline cell according to Claim 1, which consists  
essentially of said dry mixture of a conventional alloyed zinc  
powder and a powder of Bi as an additional metal.

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